Soap Updates by Seli Groves

ALL MY CHILDREN: Palmer tried to cover his interest in Opal. Trevor and Natalie found themselves stranded when their boat motor conked out. Travis was impressed with David's extrasensory powers and Will decided to defy Palmer's threat to ship him back to Hong Kong if they continued seeing each other. While assuring Travis she'd love to give Bianca a sibling, Erica had an emotional flashback to Jack. Chuck told Barbara and Tom that Molly was in remission, but would need a bone marrow transplant to save her life; a sibling would be the best donor. Barbara then turned Bianca to Tom, who told her she was getting ahead of herself. **Wait To See:** Barbara decides to act to save her child.

ANOTHER WORLD: As Ryan risked his life to save Frankie from Ted, Cass arrived to rescue them both. Iris was upset when a lawyer validated Mac's codicil. Shadrina recalled the traumatic moment in her childhood when Sharley emerged. Ryan revealed he was a federal agent. Vicky planned to write an article about Grant's affair with a married woman. Rachel and Iris decided to call Paulina's foster mother. Frankie and Cass were married and went off on their honeymoon (at last!). **Wait To See:** Jake plans to take care of the "obstacle" to his future with Marley.

AS THE WORLD TURNS: Holden was shocked when Angel arrived at the AIDS Ball and planted a passionate kiss on him in front of Lily. Ellie blew up at Lucinda for printing the Lionshard interview. Larry told Frannie he wants a permanent relationship with her. Lyla was concerned for Margo; but was still upset that she'd robbed her of her last chance to say goodbye to Casey. Susan and Kim both noticed a growth on Bob's face. **Wait To See:** Sabrina drops a bombshell.

BOLD & THE BEAUTIFUL: Jake asked Margo to forget their differences so they could become a close brother and sister again. Thorne and Macy were miserable over their separation. Brooke refused to tell Stephanie about her doctor's request that she go back with Ridge. Eric was upset that Brooke went to see Ridge without telling him, but Stephanie was more than pleased that Ridge saw Brooke. Felicia thought about Clarke's suggestion she work at Spectra. **Wait To See:** Ridge deals with his mixed emotions over Brooke.

DALLAS: On hiatus

DAYS OF OUR LIVES: Bo and Kiriakis turned up in Italy with $5 million to ransom. Hope — only to realize the ransom demand was a hoax. Chad Webster and Porter accepted Clay's offer of a job at Alden Enterprises. Dave shrieked in horror at the sight of Isabelle's disfigured face. Alex tried to get Norma to tell the truth. Jack suspected Paul Alexi was upset that Ava was seeing Ted, although he might not realize the danger she was in. Shawn-Douglas fired at Jack as he tried to find more information at the lodge. **Wait To See:** Isabelle's despair grows to dangerous levels.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE: Dan dragged Laura out of the water. She pretended not to know who she is, or why she was in there in the first place. At Badderly, Bo was forced to shoot Jake to save Sarah. Jake came out of the water, alive. Jake called Harding for help, but Harding did nothing except tell Johnny that Whitey (Bo) and his gang are fakes. As Johnny prepared to kill Bo, et al, the drug lab exploded. Harding set up his spot to shoot Viki during the telethon — a gun fired, and Viki fell into unconsciousness. **Wait To See:** A killer plans to strike again.

SANTA BARBARA: Kelly took the one available room in the Argonnian hotel,leaving Robert and Hunt no choice but to sleep in the lobby. Lionel freaked out when he heard C.C. was planning to donate a painting to the museum. If it's a fake, C.C. will know that Lionel switched him years earlier. Gina was shocked to see the donated picture is the same as the one she just switched in C.C.'s house. Mario put down C.C.'s concerns about the environmental impact on a proposed new beachfront resort. Gina decided to get a sewing eye dog to help her spy on Lionel. Eric was welcomed into the Greens organization, with Cruz apologizing for thinking the worst of him. **Wait To See:** Ric does his job — only too well.

YOUNG & THE RESTLESS: Nancy and Cricket were surprised when David asked them to witness his agreement not to try to claim any of Nyssa's money if they divorced.Jill asked Rex to date Leanna and arrange to lose her while a photographer, disguised as a waiter, snapped them. Rex dismissed the photographer, but he took the photo anyway. Ashley told Brad she needed more time to consider his proposal. While Brock went to see Tiny one last time, Esther went into premature labor, leaving Kay to deliver the baby. **Wait To See:** David considers devising a scheme to rid himself of Victor's implied threat.

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Popeye

Betty Boop

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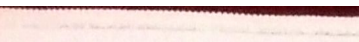
Flash Gordon

Flop Family

Mrs. Fitz

This Week in History

On **August 9, 1673**, the Dutch recaptured New Netherlands from the British, who had seized it nine years earlier ... **August 12, 1676**, the bloody Indian War in New England came to an end ... **August 6, 1813**, the U.S. flotilla ended piracy by Algiers, Tunis, and Tripoli ... **August 9, 1842**, the Webster-Ashburton Treaty was signed, fixing the U.S.-Canada border in Maine and Minnesota ... **August 6, 1890**, the first execution by electrocution, William Kemmler, took place at Auburn Prison, Auburn, N.Y. for murder ... **August 6, 1934**, U.S. troops pulled out of Haiti ... **August 7, 1942**, the Marines landed on Guadalcanal — temporarily ... **August 8, 1945**, the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, Japan ... **August 9, 1945**, another atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki ... **August 7, 1964**, U.S. Congress passed the Tonkin Resolution, authorizing presidential action in Vietnam, after North Vietnam boats reportedly attacked two U.S. destroyers ... **August 11, 1964**, Congress approved the War on Poverty bill ... **August 6, 1965**, a new Voting Rights Act was signed ... **August 11, 1965**, riots by blacks began in the Watts area of Los Angeles ... **August 12, 1970**, a postal reform measure was signed, creating an independent U.S. Postal Service, thus relinquishing governmental control of the U.S. mails after almost two centuries ... **August 11, 1972**, the last U.S. combat troops left North Vietnam ports after mining them ... **August 9, 1974**, Richard Nixon resigned from the office of President of the United States ... **August 9, 1974**, Gerald R. Ford was sworn in as the 38th U.S. president ... **August 11, 1984**, President Reagan signed a law prohibiting public high schools from barring students who wished to assemble for religious or political activities outside of school hours.



YOUR HOROSCOPE

by Charles King Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19): Social opportunities multiply, but business and friendship do not mix favorably. Weekend travel will prove beneficial. Expect some favorable publicity and career developments now. Tension with a close tie will be alleviated by words of compromise.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Travel should be a lot of fun now, but watch out for salary inducements. A loved one showers attention on you. Enjoy yourself. You'll receive a valuable work lead. Investment hunches are on the money. The public turns to the overstressed credit must be checked.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You'll have a wonderful time with a romantic interest, but a relative will feel left out if not included in your plans. Excitement about a work project keeps you busy now. But don't push beyond your limits. Luck is with you in domestic affairs.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Save time for hobbies and recreational pursuits. A local visit has romantic overtones. Take no risks with money today. Slight tension exists with a family member. You'll find reason for indulging your flair for shopping now. Financial gain is likely.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You'll receive happy news, but don't go crazy. A short trip with friends You may be invited to a gala event. By all means accept! You won't take kindly to interruptions. Enthusiasm about a career development keeps you happily engaged making further plans.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Money is a touchy topic with a friend. Don't lend more than you can afford to. Don't push beyond your limits. Luck is with you in domestic affairs.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A revised career plan is for the better. Be careful of detail now. Your gift tongue could offend someone. Children could get on your nerves. Find some time for peace and quiet. You are busy entertaining guests from out of town.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Nagging will result if you're putting off a task. Consult with loved ones in a recreational activity. It will be difficult to concentrate on work until you rectify a difference with a close tie. Pick up the phone and say you're sorry.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Don't spoil a good time by arguing about costs. Children respond to gentleness. Pass by finishing touches on a creative project. Be less critical of a family member. Evenings favor the enjoyment of hobbies and romance, but watch indiscreet actions.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Watch your tongue. Misunderstandings could arise with others. Domestic interests are highlighted. Spend more time with family. You may feel a friend is inconsiderate. Avoid money disputes now. Evening hours are the best for socializing.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You'll have the chance to meet some interesting but unusual acquaintances. Avoid quibbling with relatives about trifles. It's not a good time to seek advice, especially about creative work. You'll savor privacy now. Don't abuse credit.

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Entertainment Extra by Evelyn

Q. Whatever happened to actor Robert Guillaume, who was so wonderful on "Benson," and "Soap"? And is it true that he also appeared on "Good Times" during his long career? Marla P.

A. Guillaume is very busy ... and "busy" and is in true that he also replaced Michael Crawford in the long run of Los Angeles where he has just finished playing Phantom. He was featured in "Good Times", yes. Robert did appear on the show, but only once. He portrayed Pullshow, a wisecracking skydiver on skid row.

Q. I was so happy that Julie Barr, who portrays Brooke on "All My Children," was pregnant. However, I was wondering if that was her first nomination? Carol A.

A. Ms. Barr had been nominated twice before. For your information, the role of Brooke Englisn was originally created by Elissa Leeds. As for Ms. Barr, she began her soap career on "Ryan's Hope" as Renie Szabo.

Q. Exactly what kind of role will Susan Lucci portray on "Dallas" this fall? Kendall M.

A. The character, Susan Lucci, better known as Erica Kane on "All My Children," will portray Sheila Foley, a well-to-do lady who will appear in the show during April and Bobby Ewing's honeymoon.

Q. Is it true that actor Nicolas Cage and director Francis Ford Coppola are related? Edward L.

A. Yes. Cage is the famous director's nephew, and changed his name so people would not compare him to Coppola.

Q. Is reputed mob boss John Gotti really as vain as he appears on television? I ask because he certainly doesn't mind being photographed in the newspapers and on television. Pam S.

A. Gotti is certainly not camera shy. He makes sure that he is always well turned out for public appearances, and has been known to request photos of himself that he finds extremely flattering from the paparazzi who snap them.

Q. Is it true that Ronald Reagan, Jr. is up for a stint as a permanent TV talk-show host? Henry G.

A. Yes. Fox Broadcasting is considering a talk-show format that would pair Ron with Christina Ferrare.

Q. My two friends have a bet going. They say that two Hollywood stars became nuns. I say it was only Dolores Hart who went into the convent. Can you settle this for me? Susie L.

A. Dolores Hart, who worked with some of Hollywood's top stars, including Elvis Presley, did enter a convent in the '60s and has since become a Mother Superior.

June Haver also entered the convent, but left before final vows. She subsequently married actor Fred MacMurray.

Q. I grew up idolizing some really great singers, and I'm glad to see that besides the leader, Frank Sinatra, at least three others are still alive and working: Vic Damone, Tony Bennett, and Mel Torme. But what happened to Julius LaRosa? I know he was a disk jockey for a while, but then I lost track of him when I left New York. Thanks for the information if you have it. Joe B.

A. LaRosa is doing quite well. He appears in night clubs around the country (currently he's headlining in New York), and also does concert tours.

Q. Is there any chance of another "Star Wars" movie, or have we seen the end of the series? Chris N.

A. There's been some talk that Steven Spielberg may do one or two films that will be set before the time when we first met the characters in the flick epic. These movies will give us the background on how Darth Vader, once a good guy, became a villain, and how the galaxy came under the domination of a tyrannical empire, etc., etc.

Q. Whatever happened to Jessica Hahn? Mike H.

A. Jessica does a TV show in which she acts as a sort of telephone matchmaker, urging viewers to talk to phone "counselors" who are supposed to offer advice on matters of love and romance.

Q. Why won't Woody Allen marry Mia Farrow, especially now that they have a baby together? Is there a reason he's determined to go through life as a bachelor? Ronni B.

A. Brooklyn-born Woody Allen may go through the rest of his life single, but he can't really qualify as a lifelong bachelor since he has been married — twice! His last wife was actress Louise Lasser who starred in the TV series, "Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman." As for Woody and Mia (who was also married twice — Frank Sinatra and composer/conductor Andre Previn were her spouses), neither wants matrimony at least for now.

Q. Is it true that Barbra Streisand has cast her son in her upcoming movie "Prince of Tides" now filming in South Carolina? Sherri S.

A. Yes. The son in question is 23-year-old Jason Gould, who is the son of Barbra and actor Elliott Gould. For ex-husband, Jason Gould will portray Barbra's son in the flick as well.

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Q. I have a cottage with a whimsical wood-carved sign, and like to clean it and then revarnish it. You often mention Minwax Liquid Sandpaper in your column. Would it be appropriate in this case? J.D.

A. Ordinarily, I would suggest the use of liquid sandpaper to clean wood before varnishing it, but I think that in your case, we should move from the easy to the complicated. Start by trying to clean the wood with a wall cleaner, such as soilex and hot water. The reason I say this is because liquid sandpaper is very caustic to your skin. The vapors are noxious, especially if you're working high, and the heat rises. Because you will be applying to a large area (ceiling), try the soilex first, and if it doesn't do the trick, then work your way up to the liquid sandpaper.

Coupon Corner

by Rose Lynn

If you have any specific questions or comments on couponing or refunding, you can send them to Rose Lynn, P.O. Box 352, Nedrow, N.Y. 13120. Please mention the name of the paper in which this column appears. If you want a personal response, you must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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THE CHOPPING BLOCK

by Philomena Corradeno

In the hunt for meat substitutes, the humble little sardine is too often snubbed. It shouldn't be humble, for not only is it delicious and nutritious, but it's a good source of omega-3 which these days is in the spotlight in the hearty health diet.

Norway sardines are particularly tasty. They're lightly smoked, adding a richness to their natural sea-sweet flavor and helping to keep their delicate flesh intact.

SARDINE SUMMER SANDWICHES

2 French rolls (each 6 inches long)
2 3½-ounce cans Norway sardines in oil, drained
½ cup mayonnaise
½ cup marinated artichoke hearts, drained coarsely chopped
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
2 cucumber spears (each about 6 inches long)

Halve rolls horizontally; hollow out, leaving shells about ½-inch thick. (Reserve crumbs for another use.). In bowl, combine sardines, onions, artichokes, oil and vinegar. Fill roll halves. For each sandwich: Lay a cucumber spear on one half, top with another half, press together. Wrap securely in plastic wrap. Slice one-inch thick for appetizers or snacks. Makes 12 slices.

Norwegians have a way with fish, whatever its size. Sardines often are served with hard-cooked eggs. Sometimes I wonder if my father was Scandinavian, not Italian. He normally didn't like sandwiches, but before supermarkets and Wednesday-Thursday food-shopping days, he was too busy in his grocery on Saturdays to come upstairs for dinner. So, he and his partner would feast on their own creations on crisp French bread. One favorite combination was sliced egg; sardines, onion, lettuce, tomato, and pickled sweet peppers for a tangy touch. This is not theirs, but a marvelous version.

Nordic Sandwich

1 medium lemon
¼ cup olive oil
2 tablespoons wine vinegar
¼ teaspoon dry mustard
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon ground black pepper
4 kaiser rolls
Iceberg lettuce
4 hard-cooked eggs, sliced
2 scallions (whites only), chopped
1 3¾-ounce can Norway sardines in oil, drained

Boil whole lemon in salted water until tender; about 15 minutes. Cool. Cut in half, scrape out pulp and white pith and discard. Mince lemon peel. Mix peel with oil, vinegar, dry mustard, salt and pepper. Split rolls. Top each bottom half with lettuce, one sliced egg and one quarter of the onion. Top with sardines and your lemon dressing over all. Cover with top halves of rolls. Yield four servings.

Home hints

DATED DATE BOOKS — Convert old, but oh-so-pretty, engagement, calendars into specialized recipe collections. Copy in bold print each of your favorite recipes on an appropriately sized blank card and then paste the recipe card over the used page of past engagements.

By arranging recipes alphabetically, or by general subject, treasured recipes can be kept in an attractive fashion. Jeannie T., Tampa, Fla.

MULTI-HINTS — After I get a layer cake in pans as evenly as I can, I put the pans on my kitchen scale to weigh them, 1½ pounds each. I then have an even top to frost.

I put brown sugar in a tightly-sealed plastic container and have never found it to be hard when I want some. I've been doing this for 20 years.

To save on energy and time when baking cookies, I put the cookies on cookie sheets before turning the oven on. I then put two pans in. When they're done, I take them out and put two more in. I'm through baking cookies for the day in no time. M. Pershing, Howell, Mich.

LAMPSHADE — I was having some friends over for dinner, and I was rushing around trying to do some of the housework I usually neglect (like dusting).

I noticed that the lampshades were really dusty and wasn't sure of the easiest way to dust them. Then I had a brainstorm and used my hand-held hair dryer. It worked great, and I was finished in a hurry. Jill T., Cleveland, Texas

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Many times we go out not expecting a drop of rain, and are unprepared. Well, it won't happen again. I'm ready for a storm. Edie W., Roanoke, Va.

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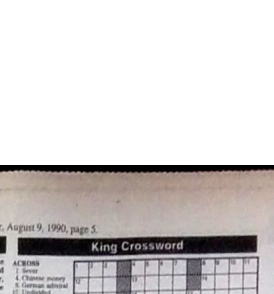

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Paint & Household

by Bob D'Angelo

Q. I am in the process of renting a house, and in some of the rooms, there's black mildew in the corners. My question is, should I paint over it, and will the paint cover the mildew? D.D.

A. Not unless you plan to paint your interior walls black. (Sorry, I couldn't resist.) Mildew is an organism that thrives off the protein found in paint. If you paint over the mildew, it'll be in mildew heaven. Imagine eating paint from both sides! How lucky can you get!

If you paint over mildew, either interior or exterior, you'll never get rid of it unless you remove the paint first. I've seen many white houses with a five o'clock shadow, and owners with a big headache, especially since removing the mildew is so easy. It's not fun, but it certainly is more joy in so. Just apply household bleach to the area, and watch it turn brown, then disappear. You may even get away without painting, unless you want to choose another color, like black.

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Antiques and Collecting

by Ralph & Terry Kovel

Q. Has pins are reappearing in the stores, but I want to buy some old ones. When were they most popular? What should I look for?

A. A hat pin sometimes has a shank as long as 12 inches. It was a necessity in Victorian times when hats were very large and hairdos included braids and buns. Hat pins went into style during the late 1860s, and their style changed over the years and have really never completely disappeared. Modern hat pins are often simple glass-headed 4-inch pins similar to corsage pins. Old hat pins were made with decorative heads — some were gold or silver with precious jewels. Others were brass copies of expensive designs. There are several ways to date a hat pin. Silver examples often have the usual hallmarks that can be identified in a good book of silver marks. Patent and registry marks sometimes appear. These can be traced at the library.

The style of the head reflects the styles of the day. The set mourning pin with a head showing a flowing haired woman dates from the 1860s. An enameled geometric bead indicates the set dates 1890s. There is renewed interest in hat pins, so prices are rising. Be sure you buy a true hat pin and not a button that has recently been soldered to a hat pin. A careful examination of the back of the head of the hat pin will reveal the fake.

Q. What do the prices in an antiques price book like yours mean? Should I expect to buy for the listed price?

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DEAR DIANE

by Diane Van Arsdale

DEAR DIANE:

My husband and I adopted a four-year-old boy about a year ago. The child came from a dysfunctional family. He was physically abused and is approximately advanced for his age, mately two years old. As a result, he is very abusive to our five-year-old daughter. My husband and I have caught him hitting his sister. Also on occasion, he was poking her private parts. She has picking her private parts. She has been complaining with stomach cramps for a while. When he took her to the doctor, when he examined her, he found the cramps are coming from the adopted son punching her in the stomach all the time. We are very upset, and he hits her hardest when we're not around. We've tried to take him to a counselor, but he refuses to cooperate with the counselor. We're at the point where we just don't know which way to turn. What can we do?

DESPERATE

DEAR DESPERATE:

You have no other choice but to bring this child back for professional help as soon as possible. While it may be normal for a child to act out aggressively in Victorian times when hats were very large and hairdos included braids and buns. Hat pins went into style during the late 1860s, and their style changed over the years and have really never completely disappeared. Modern hat pins are often simple glass-headed 4-inch pins similar to corsage pins. Old hat pins were made with decorative heads — some were gold or silver with precious jewels. Others were brass copies of expensive designs. There are several ways to date a hat pin. Silver examples often have the usual hallmarks that can be identified in a good book of silver marks. Patent and registry marks sometimes appear. These can be traced at the library.

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by Dexter Dyer

DEAR DEX:

My wife and I have been married for 10 years. We had decided not to have children right away. We wanted to wait until our careers took off. Now, with much success, I had an affair with one of my co-workers, and Theresa is pregnant. As luck would she is pregnant. I have been having a her, my wife just informed me that she is finally pregnant. Now, I'm going to be the father of two, but from two different women. I'm in quite the predicament, but I still take full responsibility for my actions. I really love my wife, and I've been through a lot in the past 10 years. I don't want to lose her. I just don't know what I'm going to do about the other child. I would gladly pay child support for him, but I'm not sure when I'll tell her about my pregnant and I've decided to stay with her now that she's pregnant. I'm going to go off. She may very well contact my wife and blow this case all over wide open. She now holds the cards and has the power to destroy everything. Are there any choices that I'm overlooking, so that things could be worked out in a somewhat reasonable manner?

GUILTY

DEAR GUILTY:

I hate to blow the whistle on you, but it seems to me that the solution may be looking for is one where you're off the hook with your wife. Sorry, but there's no easy out on this one.

Obviously, you've been telling your mistress you intend to leave your wife, since she's now stable for her to decided to stay with her. Now, you have to tell her the truth, which you haven't been doing all along. Is she going to get angry? You bet. Is she going to tell your wife? It's a strong possibility.

Your only choice but to come clean with both women and accept the consequences of this. With counseling, you and your wife have a chance at repairing the relationship. As for the other woman, she has some tough choices to make as to whether or not she wants to keep the child. Obviously, she got pregnant with the idea in her head that there would be two parents. Now, she faces the prospect of single parenthood.

By the way, didn't you ever hear of birth control, especially in this dangerous time of AIDS?